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The Tyranny of the Telephone

While one half of the world rightfully exults over the usefulness of the telephone, the other half groans under its despotism. The ingenuity of man has annihilated time and space. The miracle of science has brought things "far or forgot" so near that there is no escaping them. New York can converse with California when it wants to, and all our friends and acquaintances can converse with us whether we want them to or not. The postman comes two or three or four times a day. His advent can be reckoned with. Telegrams are expensive things and have always been kept within limits. But the telephone, like death, has all seasons for its own. Early risers call up their sleeping friends, and people who go to bed late rouse from their dreams the sluggards who go to bed early. Dinner time has become the prey of acute calculators who want to make sure of finding us at home; and if we dine with friends, the chances are that we are tracked to our lair and summoned by an imperious mandate from the table. The doctor whom we are consulting turns from our most cherished symptoms to answer the telephone; the dentist leaves us at a crucial moment, happy in the knowledge that, whatever we may feel, we are unable to utter our sentiments.

To economize time and effort at the expense of our neighbor's time and effort has become an art. To impose ourselves upon our neighbor in his unguarded moments is to reap all the advantages of a sortie. Our grandparents thought the post a too informal medium through which to send their notes of invitation; some one found time to carry back the answers. Now the post is held to be too ceremonious for a brusque and hurried hostess. She invites her friends over the telephone, taking them unaware, and denying them a chance to frame graceful and appropriate excuses. Sometimes she begins by asking if they are disengaged on the 13th; and the unfortunates, who do not know whether they are going to be bidden to a dinner, a concert or a lecture on prehistoric pottery, are afraid to commit themselves to an answer.

As for the people who demand favors over a telephone—who call up casual acquaintances and ask them to take a flower table a bazaar, or to sell old clothes a rummage sale, or to become cronies for a piano recital, to subscribe to four readings the poems of Rabindra Nath Tagore—they are outside the pale of civilization. Common politeness demands that all such requests should be formally made, and civilly granted or refused. It is not decent to harass our neighbors, to startle them into saying yes because they lack the presence of mind or the hardihood to say no.—Youth's Companion.

A good many folks have not liked the way President Wilson has run the government, and for the next few months they will be giving free rein to their opinions on the subject. In the deluge of this criticism it would be worth while to pause and remember what we have to be grateful for. There is no criticism of Mr. Wilson's honesty; there is not even much criticism of his political honesty. Nobody seriously charges him with using his patronage to further his political advantage—at least he hasn't done it any more than, if as much as, other presidents, Democratic and Republican. Nobody doubts Mr. Wilson's good intentions. All the criticism centers around honest differences of opinion as to methods and as to what are the best ends.—Collier's Weekly (Ind.).

LAND FOR SALE.

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How to Make Good Corn Yields

It is hard for some to understand why it is so difficult to produce 50 bushels of corn per acre, while many reported yields of 200 bushels per acre are made. No state makes an average yield of 50 bushels per acre, and the average of the South is below 20 bushels the acre; yet, the extremely large yields are generally reported from the South.

When more than 50 bushels per acre are grown, or when as much as 100 bushels the acre are produced, all conditions must be favorable. The larger the increase above 50 bushels per acre the more uniformly favorable must be all the conditions which affect the yield.

There are many factors which influence the yield of corn: seed, variety, cultivation, fertilizers, soil, rainfall, etc.

Soil fertility and rainfall are the two factors which exert the most influence in limiting the yields of corn. Nitrogen and water are the two special limiting factors. It is necessary to hold the average yields below 50 bushels per acre. Before corn will become a profitable crop in the South, the yield must be doubled. This cannot be economically done by the use of commercial fertilizer. Neither can it be done under our present ideas and methods of feeding the soil. It is necessary to plow under legume crops, not one, but at least two or three during as many years, to quickly increase the yields. A crop of crimson clover plowed under each year and followed by corn will, in three or four years, double the yields. By this means alone can the nitrogen be quickly and economically supplied and conditions made that will hold the required moisture for a large yield. Corn is the one crop that requires our richest soils and for which soils do not become too rich. Stable manure would produce similar results, but a ton of crimson clover hay contains as much nitrogen as four or five tons of stable manure. The crimson clover can be had with small trouble and expense and is available to all. Twenty-five cents worth of seed sowed this fall will produce enough seed to sow several acres next fall, so there is no excuse for failure to sow crimson clover on account of the cost.

It is often given as an excuse by those who do not sow such legumes as crimson clover, that they cannot afford the cost of the seed.

This is purely an excuse, but in no sense a reason. A small start can be made, seed produced, and the acreage increased without in any way reducing the acreage in corn. The man who continues to grow 20 bushels of corn per acre year after year does so purely because he does not want to grow more. In three or four years he can increase the yield to 40 bushels per acre, and never miss a crop of corn, if he will save and sow crimson clover seed. There is absolutely no excuse for continuing the low average yields of corn made in the South.—Progressive Farmer.

It is not the advocates of peace only who object to "preparedness," says an exchange. The word itself is ill-formed and illegitimate, out of keeping with the genius of English speech: a mongrel, having the English setter's bushy tail on the body of an Italian greyhound. But it is a mistake to try to use "preparation" in its place, for that means something different and more definite. "Readiness" is the term.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is a Republican, but says: "I think President Wilson is doing the best that any man can do in such circumstances as have surrounded his administration. It is the duty of every American citizen to support him." That is true, and it is good sense, and not one of the Republican leaders ventures to say what the President ought to have done.—Philadelphia Record (Dem.).

Delivery Wagon—A rebuilt delivery almost as good as new, for sale cheap. W. M. JONES, Sr.

Why Roosevelt Paints Wilson Black

In making his inevitable return to the Republican party at this time without loss of dignity, it was necessary for Mr. Roosevelt to paint President Wilson in black colors and to picture his reelection as a very terrible calamity to the country. Perhaps he does not paint Mr. Wilson's administration blackly enough in order to justify his abandonment of the Progressive party. So far as the attack goes it is confined to questions raised by the war, yet the Progressive party was seen by Mr. Roosevelt to be hopeless as a winning combination in the near future before these war issues of his creation had been heard of. In the autumn of 1914, Mr. Roosevelt campaigned for Mr. Davenport, the Progressive candidate for governor of New York, with the result that Mr. Davenport was severely beaten not only by Mr. Whitman, but even by the impeached and discredited Sulzer. That incident proved to Mr. Roosevelt that the Progressive party, even under his personal leadership, was doomed to die. If the war had not lasted more than three months, or if it had not come at all, Mr. Roosevelt would still have been under the necessity of finding his way back to the Republican party.

What reasons, in that case, would he have found for thinking the present administration the worst since the days of democracy? Instead of Americanism and preparedness and the national honor being at stake, we should have been told that something else equally nerve-racking had happened to make Mr. Wilson the worst since Buchanan. Mr. Wilson was fated, in Mr. Roosevelt's eyes, to be the worst since Buchanan if for no other reason than that he had to be in order to make Mr. Roosevelt's support of the Republican candidate in 1916 a pure act of the highest-minded patriotism. Under the circumstances, Mr. Wilson should be thankful that he gets off so lightly with punishment; he might have been yoked up with Benedict Arnold or Aaron Burr instead of Buchanan.—Springfield Republican.

Giving France Her Due

No greater tribute has been paid to France than the recent designation of that country by the Berlin Tageblatt as "the dominating power of the entente, the head and soul of the resistance."

Germany began by despising France. The battle of the Marne shocked the invader into sudden respect. That respect has been steadily increasing ever since, and has reached its culmination as a result of the heroic four months' defense of Verdun. Through these weary, tragic two years of struggle France has stood like a rock, giving blow for blow, and equaling the Prussians themselves in the supposedly exclusive Prussian qualities of steady endurance and military industrial efficiency.

As a spiritual force there can be little question that France has been the inspiration of the Allies and the admiration of the world. But for all that, it isn't necessary to ignore the contributions of the other big members of the entente. Each of the three has played its part. If France has provided the inspiration for their resistance against Germany and Austria, England has provided the money and Russia the men. And it is this matchless combination of French courage, British credit and Russian "cannon fodder" that is making wreckage of Germany's hopes.—Jackson News.

Kansas has a law that permits a farmer to give a name to his farm, register the name and enjoy the exclusive right to use it. The farmers are availing themselves of the privilege, for they are beginning to see that a name steadily associated with good products is as much an asset as a trade-mark is.

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Your Vanity Spot

How about that little vanity spot in your character? No use squirming—no use fibbing it isn't there!

There is something upon which you pride yourself, if nothing more than a brand of cigars which you smoke. You know that it pleases you to have someone tell you that you are a good judge of the weed—eh?

Realizing that we all have this little foible to a greater or less degree, why not tickle the other fellow's vanity once in awhile?

It isn't much of an effort on your part, and it makes the other fellow feel so much better.

Most of us are too reluctant about acknowledging that the other fellow has a right to feel puffed up.

A certain woman was complimented upon the ability of her husband along a particular line. "He is one of the best in this country," said the friend.

"Why, certainly he is," the wife replied, with a superior air.

"It made me feel like thirty cents," said the friend in telling about it.

It was carrying coals to Newcastle, evidently, in this case; but it might have been more satisfactory to have said the words of appreciation to the man himself, who was really big, and would have shown it by a correspondingly less degree of conceit.—Jackson News.

Mr. Hughes declares himself to be "profoundly convinced that by prompt and decisive action, which existing conditions manifestly called for, the Lusitania tragedy would have been prevented." This is part of his indictment of the Wilson administration. It might not be fair to demand that Mr. Hughes immediately present the details upon which his conviction is based. He is entering upon a momentous campaign with many things to decide and arrange. But sooner or later there will be due from him a frank statement—and he will lay himself open to serious criticism if he does not make it—

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as to just how he would have averted the Lusitania tragedy and how he would have conducted our foreign policy at other points at which he considers the course of the administration weak.—Springfield Republican.

Good cook stove for sale. See W. M. Jones, Sr.